PATENT COOPERATION TREATY PCT

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

| Applicant's or agent's file reference 69420-72882 | FOR FURTHER see Notification of TACTION (Form PCT/ISA/22 | Transmittal of International Search Report 0) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| International application No. | International filing date (day month year) | (Earliest) Priority Date (day month year) | | | | | |
| PCT/SE 03/01500 | 26 Sept 2003 | 27 Sept 2002 | | | | | |
| Applicant | | | | | | | |
| NOVATOR AB et al | | | | | | | |
| This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau. This international search report consists of a total of3 sheets. X It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report. | | | | | | | |
| X It is also accompanied b | y a copy of caon prior are | | | | | | |
| in the language in which it wa | he international search was carried out on s filed, unless otherwise indicated under thi | s item. | | | | | |
| the international search to this Authority (Rule 2 | was carried out on the basis of a translation $(3.1(b))$. | of the international application furnished | | | | | |
| b. With regard to any nucleotide international search was carrie | and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the ed out on the basis of the sequence listing: | e international application, the | | | | | |
| | ional application in written form. | | | | | | |
| filed together with the in | ternational application in computer readabl | e form. | | | | | |
| furnished subsequently to | o this Authority in written form. | | | | | | |
| furnished subsequently to | o this Authority in computer readable form | | | | | | |
| the international applica | bsequently furnished written sequence listin tion as filed has been furnished. | * | | | | | |
| the statement that the in listing has been furnishe | formation recorded in computer readable f | orm is identical to the written sequence | | | | | |
| 2. Certain claims were four | nd unsearchable (See Box I). | • | | | | | |
| 3. Unity of invention is lack | 3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II). | | | | | | |
| 4. With regard to the title, | | | | | | | |
| النتا ا | submitted by the applicant. | | | | | | |
| the text has been establi | the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows: | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 5. With regard to the abstract, | | | | | | | |
| X the text is approved as submitted by the applicant. | | | | | | | |
| the text has been established, 'according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority. | | | | | | | |
| | published with the abstract is Figure No | None of the former | | | | | |
| as suggested by the app | | None of the figures. | | | | | |
| because the applicant fa | | | | | | | |
| because this figure bette | er characterizes the invention. | _ | | | | | |

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT



International application No. E 03/01500

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: B23B 47/34, B23Q 11/02, B23Q 11/00, B23D 59/00 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: B23B, B23Q, B23D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. | |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|--|
| A · | US 6200075 B1 (CHRISTOPHER S. GASKIN ET AL), 13 March 2001 (13.03.01), figures 1,2,6, abstract | 1-11 | |
| · | —— | | |
| A | US 20010052429 A1 (JENS FRENZEL), 20 December 2001 (20.12.01), abstract | 1-11 | |
| · | | | |
| A . | DATABASE WPI Week198851 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class P56, AN 1988-367580 & SU 1404267 A (KIEV POLY), 23 June 1988 (1988-06-23) abstract | 1-11 | |
| | | | |

| X | Further | documents | are | listed in | the | continuation | of | Box C | Ξ. |
|---|---------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------|----|-------|----|
|---|---------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------|----|-------|----|

See patent family annex.

- Special categories of cited documents:
- document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- earlier application or patent but published on or after the international
- document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other
- document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed
- later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- "&" document member of the same patent family .

Date of the actual completion of the international search

Date of mailing of the international search report

2 3 -12-2003

17 December 2003

Name and mailing address of the ISA/ Swedish Patent Office Box 5055, S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Facsimile No. +46 8 666 02 86

Authorized officer

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Lars Ekeberg/MP Telephone No. + 46 8 782 25 00



Intentional application No.
PC SE 03/01500

| | | PC-3E 03/ | 01500 |
|------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| C (Continu | pation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | |
| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the | e relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
| A | DATABASE WPI Week 198440 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class P56, AN 1984-248553 & SU 1071395 A (IZRAILEVICH V L) 07 February 1984 (1984-02-07) abstract | | 1-11 |
| A | GB 2096030 A (GUNTER HORST ROHM), 13 Octob (13.10.82), abstract | per 1982 | 1-11 |
| | | | |
| | | * | |
| | | | |
| | . 8 | | |
| | | | |
| | · | | |
| | · | | |
| | · | | |
| | | | |
| | · | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | · | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | · | | |
| | | • | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information patent family members

31/10/03

International application No.
PER 03/01500

| | Patent document ed in search report | | Publication date | Patent family member(s) | | Publication date | |
|----|--|----|------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| US | 6200075 | B1 | 13/03/01 | NONE | | | |
| US | 20010052429 | A1 | 20/12/01 | NONE | | | |
| GB | 2096030 | A | 13/10/82 | DE FR IT IT | 3113913 A 2503017 A,B 1155261 B 8267118 D | 28/10/82 08/10/82 28/01/87 00/00/00 | |